

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

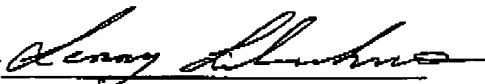
Claims 1 – 20 were rejected under 35 USC 112. To conclude the prosecution of the application, independent claims are amended without conceding any points or waiving any arguments in the Office Action. It is believed that independent claims now fully comply with 35 USC 112, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since no art references were asserted in the Office Action and dependent claims were rejected merely by virtue of their dependency, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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